

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITIES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes programmes of Agricultural and Technological Universities undertaken by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the Union Government in the country, particularly in Gujarat;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated therefor during the last three years and current year, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the extent to which such schemes/programmes have contributed to the development of agriculture sector in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research / Department of Agricultural Research & Education extends financial assistance to State Agricultural Universities, Deemed Universities, Central Agricultural University, Central Universities having Faculty of Agriculture for strengthening and development of agricultural education. The programmes undertaken under this scheme in the Agricultural Universities, including Agricultural Universities in Gujarat are strengthening and development of agricultural education, construction of Girls Hostel, International Hostel, Instructional Model Plants, and Instructional Model Farms, up-dating/replacement of old and out-dated Laboratory equipments, modernization of Laboratories and Libraries, Human Resource Development, Rural Awareness Works Experience programmes, Best Teachers' Award, Accreditation, University Level Text Books, Emeritus Scientists Scheme, Centres of Advanced Studies, Niche Areas of Excellence, Experiential Learning - hands on training programmes, etc. Apart from this, the Schemes namely, All India Coordinated Research Projects, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Ad hoc Schemes and schemes under National Agricultural Innovation Project are also undertaken by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in Agricultural Universities including the Agricultural Universities in Gujarat.

(b) The details of the funds released/ allocated therefor during the last three years and current year, State-wise and year-wise is given in the statement annexed (Annexure-I).

(c) The schemes/programmes undertaken by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research/ Department of Agricultural Research & Education in the Agricultural Universities has helped in science and technological based development of agriculture which is crucial to the development of agriculture. It has also helped to produce trained manpower in the field of agriculture and agriculture related technologies for the country. Apart from this, these schemes/programmes have resulted in the pursuit of reaching excellence in the field of agriculture, animal sciences, fisheries and allied sciences.